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Mayor Smith

Minutes

Regular Town Council Meeting

*******Tuesday, July 8, 2025 - 7:00 PM*******

McCormick One Stop Conference Room

109 W Augusta Street, McCormick, SC

Welcome & Comments – Mayor Smith – 7:01 pm, welcomes all in attendance.

Call to Order – Mayor Smith called the regular meeting of the McCormick Town Council to order at approximately 7:01 pm.

Quorum Confirmation – Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to confirm that a quorum was present, she stating yes, a quorum was present.

Mayor Smith announced that the **agenda as presented needed to be amended** to include the swearing in of Jeremiah Lomax, as a certified police officer for the Town. No objections were given to the amendment.

Pledge of Allegiance – all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance in a patriotic manner.

Invocation – Mayor Smith gave the invocation being thankful for the day, asking for grace, mercy and blessings for those present, for family and community; seeking guidance in tongue, thought, and deed regarding the conduct of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda as Presented and amended – Mayor Smith called for a motion from Council. Council Member Jones offered said motion, it being duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Appearance of Citizens – Mayor Smith announced no one had signed up to appear before Council, nor were any present.

Regular Town Council Business Items – June

Council had received copies of the Business Items for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for any questions or comments regarding the

A) **Minutes**

B) **Bills -**

C) **Financial Statement -**

Noting that Audit work has begun for the FY 24/25 Fiscal Year.

Receiving no questions or comments, Mayor Smith called for a motion regarding. Council Member Dansby made the motion to approve the Minutes, Bills, and Financial Statement, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Jones, and unanimously approved.

Moving to Legislation – Mayor Smith stated that there no legislative items that needed adoption.

- A) **Ordinances** –
 - B) **Resolutions** –
 - C) **Proclamations** –
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Reports –

Council had received copies of the Reports for review prior to the meeting, and Mayor Smith called for questions or comments regarding each –

- A) **Police** – no questions or comments
- B) **Fire** – Council Member Chiles asked Fire Chief Barron if the fire calls could be broken down on the next report showing county calls and town calls separately, to which Chief Barron stated that could be done.
- C) **Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy Clerk/Treasurer** – no questions or comments.

Mayor Smith called for a motion to approve all reports as given. Council Member Jones made the motion, duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Old Business – Mayor Smith stated there was no old business to consider.

New Business –

- A) **Discussion of Change in Status from Paid Fireman to Volunteer Fireman**

Mayor Smith called for the Clerk/Treasurer to give information to Council regarding, Council having received information in their agenda package for review.

Mrs. McKinney stated Chief Barron asked that firemen go back to a strictly volunteer status versus paid employee. She stated that the advantage would be to the firemen no withholdings from their pay; for the Town no payment for withholding purposes. She stated that anyone who was a member of the Retirement System who would like to be a volunteer would be an employee for that purpose or not; she stated that workers' compensation, which is now paid for by the County, could still be paid by the County, thus releasing the Town from that obligation. She stated the volunteers would get a 1099 at the end of the year instead of a W-2 form. She also stated that this would affect reporting procedures for federal, state, and retirement purposes.

- B) **Request for Donation for Construction of a 40x80 Shed for the Farmers Market– Wilder Ferreira – Clemson Extension, Service & Master Extension Associate; Regional Rural Entrepreneurship Development**

Mayor Smith stated that he had received this request and would be giving Council additional information in the Executive Session.

Executive Session: Section 30-4-70 – Meetings which may be closed....

(1) – Discussion of employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, compensation, discipline

(2) – Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements; advice from Town Attorney regarding

Action May, or May Not, Be Taken

Mayor Smith announcing the need for an executive session above, called for a motion to conduct the Executive Session. Council Member Dansby made said motion, duly seconded by Council Member Jones, and unanimously approved.

Executive Session: 7:25 pm to 8:25 pm.

Upon return to regular session, Mayor Smith stated that two items were discussed and would need no action, with one item being discussed that needed action, and called for Council action.

Council Member Dansby made a motion to approve the agreement of JLA for services in regard to upgrades to Town owned properties, said motion being duly seconded by Council Member Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved.

Copy of agreement requested by Mr. Stone, Journal-Messenger, to which Mayor Smith complied.

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Mayor's Comments – giving comments – Mayor Smith reported:

July 4 – Town Offices were closed in observance

MASC – Annual Meeting – July 16-20, Hilton Head – he, Council Members Chiles and Dansby would be attending

Juneteenth – June 19 – Town Hall & Mayor's Office were closed in observance

Ribbon Cutting was held for Lovas Bar & Grill – Mexican Restaurant – new restaurant in Town on 378.

Adjournment – Calling for and receiving no additional business to come to Council, Mayor Smith called for adjournment. Council Member Mrs. Hood made the motion to adjourn, duly seconded by Council Member Dansby, and unanimously approved.

Council meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra McKinney
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Attendance Schedule

Mayor	Roy Smith, Jr.
Council Members	Dolly Franklin Nathan Jones Calvin Chiles Curt Dansby Faye Hood
Absent	Alvin Jennings
Town Attorney	Douglas Bell
Department Heads	Police Chief W.D. Willis Fire Chief Mike Barron
News Media	McCormick Messenger John Stone
Others	Jeremiah Lomax & Family (for swearing in/oath of office)

- "In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, an agenda was posted on the rear entrance door to the McCormick One Stop, 109 W Augusta St and in the kiosk in front of Town Hall, 117 W Augusta St, posted on the Town's website, townofmccormicksc.org, and sent to the news media."

- This is a meeting defined under S.C. Code Ann. Section 30.4-20(d) - ('Meeting' means the convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.' (Emphasis added)